

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 6, 2004

FORMER MONCKS CORNER POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED

A former Moncks Corner police officer was arrested by SLED agents Friday morning, February 06, 2004, and charged with two counts of **Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature**.

Matthew Leroy Hale, 28, of Moncks Corner, S.C., was arrested around 9:30 a.m. and booked at the Berkley County Detention Center. The case will be prosecuted by the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants attached.

ARREST WARRANT

H-595818

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Berkeley

THE STATE

against

Matthew LeRoy Hale

Address: Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Phone: SSN: 504 Weight: 180

Sex: Race: Height: 5'04" DL #: 011200620

DL State: SC DL #: Agency ORI#: SCCA518

JOB: SLED Agency ORI#: SCCA518

Prosecuting Agency: OCA#31030135

Prosecuting Officer: ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED

Offense: NATURE COMMON LAW Offense Code:

Code/Ordinance Sec.:

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Matthew LeRoy Hale

on 02-06-04

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Berkeley

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michele D. China who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Matthew LeRoy Hale
did within this county and state on November 28, 2003 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Berkeley)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE Common Law

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on 01/29/2004

Paula Lewis (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address 5290 Rivers Ave., Ste. 201

N. Charleston, SC 29408

Affiant's Telephone (843)554-7396

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Berkeley

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on November 28, 2003 defendant Matthew LeRoy Hale
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
Berkeley) as set forth below:

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE Common Law

Now, therefore, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before
me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the
defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Paula Lewis (L.S.)
Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 989

Judge's Address 103 Gullledge Street

Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Judge's Telephone 843-719-4536

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF BERKELEY
CITY OF MONCK'S CORNER

OCA#31030135

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one *Special Agent Michele D. China* who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that

Matthew LeRoy Hale

White, Male, Hgt. 5'7", Wgt. 185, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Hazel, [REDACTED], Moncks Corner, SC 29461

did within this County and State on the 28th day of November, 2003 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE

Common Law

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about November 28, 2003, while at the Moncks Corner Police Department, 118 Carolina Avenue, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, located in the City of Moncks Corner, County of Berkeley, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Matthew LeRoy Hale, while serving as a Police Officer at the Moncks Corner Police Department, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, and assigned as a School Resource Officer(SRO), did commit the offense of **ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE**, in violation of South Carolina Common Law. In that he did commit an unlawful and intentional infliction of a violent injury upon the person of another, one [REDACTED] 22yo., female, employed as a temporary employee at the Moncks Corner Police Department, Moncks Corner, SC accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, including but not limited to: a great disparity between the physical condition, sexes, and indecent liberties or familiarities with a female accomplished by force and/or for the purposeful infliction of shame and disgrace. The facts to establish the aforesaid are that the defendant did use his authority as a police officer and entered into the secured area of the police department where [REDACTED] was working as a temporary data processor for the police department and working within the secured office area in the Copier Room. The defendant finding [REDACTED] in the Copier Room did approach and cornered [REDACTED] causing her to fear that the defendant (due to his capabilities in deference to [REDACTED] as a male, and as a police officer) having blocked [REDACTED] from leaving through the door (being the only exit from the room) that the defendant having disregarding the verbal demands by [REDACTED] to allow her to leave the room would do her some physical harm. [REDACTED] subsequently attempted to push her past the defendant wherein the defendant did grab [REDACTED] by her breast and on her buttocks. [REDACTED] having to wrestle her person free of the defendant's grasp fled behind the safety of an office counter while giving loud verbal commands to the defendant to leave her alone. The defendant then fled the secured office area of the police department. [REDACTED] fearing that the defendant might return and violate her causing her additional physical harm, and subjecting her to additional shame and disgrace did reported the incident a short time later to an office staff worker and to members of the Moncks Corner Police Department. The above stated violation against [REDACTED] person was committed by the defendant solely for the purpose of the defendant receiving his own personal gratification while the defendant did sexually inflict physical harm to the person of [REDACTED] and additionally inflicting shame and disgrace to [REDACTED].

Affidavit#31030135-2

All this done against the common law of the State of South Carolina and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Carolina. Special Agent MD China, SC State Law Enforcement Division investigated the above stated incident to attest to the same.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 29 day of Jan, 2004.

Paula Lewis
Signature of Judge

SIA MDChina
(AFFIANT)

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Suite #201
N. Charleston, SC 29408

Phone: 843-554-7396

ARREST WARRANT

H-595820

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Berkeley

THE STATE

against

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Address: Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'07" Weight: 186

DL State: SC DL:

JOB: Agency ORI#: SCCA518

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: OCA#31030135-1

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NATURE Common Law Offense Code:

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(L.S.)

Date:

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on 02-06-04

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RETURN WARRANT TO:

Paula F. Lewis, Magistrate

103 Gullledge Street

Moncks Corner, SC 29461

843-719-4536

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Berkeley

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
July 28, 1990
SCCA 518

Personally appeared before me the affiant Michele D. China who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Matthew LeRoy Hale
did within this county and state on December 2, 2003 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Berkeley)

In the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE Common Law

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
Berkeley

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on December 2, 2003 defendant Matthew LeRoy Hale

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Berkeley) as set forth below:

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Judge's Telephone 843-719-4536

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 481

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF BERKELEY
CITY OF MONCK'S CORNER

OCA#31030135 - 1

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Matthew LeRoy Hale

White, Male, Hgt. 5'7", Wgt. 185, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Hazel, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Moncks Corner, SC 29461

did within this County and State on the 2nd day of December, 2003 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE

ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE

Common Law

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about December 2, 2003, while at Berkeley Alternative School, 107 E. Main St., Moncks Corner, SC 29461, located in the City of Moncks Corner, County of Berkeley, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one **Matthew LeRoy Hale**, while serving as a Police Officer at the Moncks Corner Police Department, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, and assigned as a School Resource Officer(SRO) at the Berkeley Alternative School, did commit the offense of **ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE**, in violation of South Carolina Common Law. In that he did commit an unlawful and intentional infliction of a violent injury upon the person of another, one [REDACTED] (16yo., juvenile female student at Berkeley Alternative School), accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, including but not limited to: a great disparity between the ages, physical condition, sexes, and indecent liberties or familiarities with a female accomplished by force and/or for the purposeful infliction of shame and disgrace. The facts to establish the aforesaid are that the defendant did use his authority as a police officer and cause [REDACTED] to be removed from the safety of her assigned class at the school, where the defendant took [REDACTED] to his(Hale) SRO office within the school, and on 3 different occasions while in his office the defendant fondled [REDACTED] breast with his hands, orally copulated [REDACTED] breast with his mouth, and grabbed [REDACTED] on her buttock. Whereon [REDACTED] fearing any additional harm she might be subjected to due to the defendant's authority as a police officer and physical capability, did submit to the infliction of the violation of [REDACTED] person by the defendant. [REDACTED] subsequently reported the incident later that same day to law enforcement when she returned home to the safety of her guardian. The above stated violation against [REDACTED] person by the defendant being solely committed for the purpose of the defendant receiving his own personal gratification while the defendant did sexually inflict physical harm to the person of [REDACTED] and additionally inflicting shame and disgrace to [REDACTED]

Affidavit#31030135-1

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